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TAGS: PFOR, US

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US MERCHANT VESSEL BY CAMBODIAN FORCES

REF: STATE 113030

1. AIDE-MEMOIRE WITH TEXT PROVIDED REFTEL DELIVERED BY EMBOFF AT OOB MAY 15 TO MOFA POLITICAL UNDERSECRETARY AMB MANDA. EMBOFF STRESSED TO MANDA MAYAGUEZ WAS MERCHANT VESSEL, NOT UNDER USG COMMAND OR CHARTER, AND SEIZED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. MANDA NOTED NEWS STORIES OF US ATTACKS ON CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS; EMBOFF SAID HE HAD NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THIS ASPECT OF INCIDENT. ADDED TIMES ANALOGY WITH PUEBLO EPISODE (PARA 3 BELOW) MISLEADING; MORE APT ANALOGY WOULD BE US ACTION

AGAINST BARBARY PIRATES IN EARLY 19TH CENTURY. MANDA HAD NO

OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

2. COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE ALSO GIVEN LATER IN MORNING TO MIN STATE SILWIZYA AND FONMIN MWAANGA AT SPECIAL STATE HOUSE INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL. MWAANGA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND OBSERVED WITH NOTE OF SURPRISE ENTIRE CREW RECOVERED.

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3. SAME MORNING TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL (WRITTEN

BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHIP AND CREW RECOVERY) CALLED
MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT "UNCANNILY SIMILAR" TO PUEBLO AFFAIR.
PRES FORD'S REACTION "TOTALLY IRRATIONAL AND HYSTERICAL".
WOULD

BE A PITY IF HE ACTS OUT OF DESIRE FOR REVENGE
AGAINST "DIMINUTIVECAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE".
EDITORIAL EXPRESSES CERTAINTY AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD
NOT SUPPORT SUCH RESPONSE.

4. NOW THAT FOUR-DAY SAMORA MACHEL OFFICIAL VISIT TO
ZAMBIA, WHICH COMMANDED UNDIVIDED ZAMBIAN ATTENTION, HAS
COME TO END, WE CAN EXPECT MORE REACTION HERE TO MAYAGUEZ
INCIDENT.
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